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** ANTARCTICA. 15476, LRA 36 Arc·ngel San Gabriel. Sometimes there are some miracles. Last week I got an A4 letter with Certificado de recepciÛn for a report from May 01, 2002 heard in Denmark. It is the longest waiting for a QSL: 1261 days (Eckhard Roescher, Dessau, Germany, Oct 22, DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. PIRATE: 6289.48, Radio Bosques, Gonnet, La Plata, Argentina, 1223-1235, October 30, Spanish, "....es un mensaje de Radio Bosques, Gonnet, La Plata", local songs, 35443 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Nov 6, Noticias DX via DXLD)

PIRATA/ARGENTINA, 6188.9, Radio Bosques, Gonnet, La Plata. Argentina Tarjeta QSL con datos completos verificando un informe de recepciÛn realizado de una transmisiÛn del dÌa 13 de Octubre. No aparecen datos del verificador en la portada y hay una atenta nota firmada por "Alejandro", saludando por mi intermedio a los integrantes del GRA-Grupo Radioescucha Argentino. La tarjeta, que es muy bonita, tiene en su extremo superiorizquierdo una pequeÒa foto de los lÌderes piqueteros Kostelzky y Santill·n, asesinados por la PolicÌa de la Provincia de Buenos Aires hace alg˙n tiempo. Yo enviÈ mi informe de recepciÛn a la siguiente direcciÛn electrÛnica: radio_bosques @ yahoo.com.ar Demora: 8 dÌas (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Nov 6, Noticias DX via DXLD)

QSL Card full data for a reception report of October 13, Not V/S Very nice QSL with a small picture with the faces of two "piqueteros" killed by the police some time ago. I sent my reception report to radio_bosques @ yahoo.com.ar Delay: 8 days (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, HCDX via DXLD)

Hi!! Radio Bosques announced transmissions all day, today and tomorrow, in occasion of the development of the "Cumbre de las AmÈricas", in Mar del Plata, Argentina. All transmissions on 6290 kHz 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Nov 5, HCDX via DXLD) Anti-Bush; see VENEZUELA

** ARGENTINA. LTA feeder on 15820-SSB was audible Nov 5 at 2345 with excited dialog between announcers, mentioning phone numbers and website, presumably commercial in ballgame. This would be a good time to check R. Nacional on 15345: yes, coming in nicely on AM with tangos, and holding its own against MartÌ 15330. Seems the LRA carrier is pretty good, but modulation level not up to par. The carrier manages to fend off Delano (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 7875 USB, ABC Perth relay (Cf. DX-Window no. 282). We have received after 23 days a letter from Kris Bathgate, Manager Technical Services, Western Australia for our reception. He confirms that we heard ABC Perth. After some investigation he found out that the Australian Defence Department seems to rebroadcast the service on a transmitter on the North West Cape, near Exmouth, in the northern region of Western Australia using a combination of ABC Radio Australia and ABC Western Australia programming, for staff involved in Arab Gulf Defence Department Operations. The transmitter power is 40 kW. More information about ABC Perth can be found at http://abc.net.au/perth (Max Van Arnhem and someone named Jorgensen, DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD)

** BELGIUM [non]. ALEMANIA/BELGICA, 5910, TNT Hit Radio vÌa Julich, 1500-1540, 05-11, m˙sica pop, programa "The TNT Parade" y "The TNT Hits 50", canciones presentadas por locutor, idioma flamenco (Dutch). Muy buena m˙sica, presentada con mucho dinamismo por los disc-jockeys de la emisora. SeÒal muy fuerte. 45444.

TNT Hit Radio transmitÌa antes del dÌa 5 de Noviembre por los 5975 kHz entre las 1000 y las 1600 UT. Ahora, a partir de este fin de semana, lo hace por los 5910, tambiÈn entre las 1000 y las 1600 UT.

DirecciÛn:
TNT-Radio
Molenstraat 67
9900 EEKLO, BELGICA-BELGIUM

E-mail: info @ tntradio.be Û studio @ tntradio.be web: http://www.tntradio.be (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Nov 6, Grundig YB 400, antena telescÛpica. Lugar de escucha: casco urbano de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4716.8, R Yura, Yura, PotosÌ, 0051-0136*, Oct 22, local instruments/vocal songs, frequent announcements, clear IDs at 0109, 0121, 0128 as "Radio Yura". Started at good level but faded to fair by 0115. Music is not classic Andean as with R Mosoj Chaski, e.g. Heavy on drums, flute or other wind instruments with multiple men singers, very rhythmic - probably local music from Potosi province. Unusual opening as Bolivia is not usually well heard here in So California

during evenings (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA in Dxplorer via DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. Desde el pasado 30 de octubre Radio V·rna utiliza la frecuencia de 7600 kilohercios para su programa semanal que se inicia tras el noticiero de Radio Nacional de Buldel domino [sic --- see below] y concluye a las 0400 del lunes. Utiliza tambiÈn la frecuencia de 774 kilohercios de onda media hasta las 02:00 horas. El pasado 19 de octubre comenzÛ a operar, primeramente en Internet hasta la asignaciÛn de una frecuencia en FM, la primera emisora religiosa en Bulgaria. Transmite sus programas desde el monasterio cristiano ortodoxo de R˙en (Noticias DX por: R˙men P·nkov [Radio Bulgaria] via: Dino Bloise [Florida, EEUU], dxldyg via DXLD)

Something is missing above at the sic, so I checked the original page:
http://www.bnr.bg/RadioBulgaria/Emission_Spanish/Theme_DX_Programme/Material/6.11.2005_Espacio+diexista.htm
and it reads the same way. Proofreading is to be encouraged. It probably should say: ``Radio Nacional de Bulgaria de las 2200 del domingo . . .`` (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMEROON [non]. A reminder that the second weekly broadcast of Radio Free Southern Cameroons is coming up at 1800-1900 UT Sunday on 12130 via Russia. 73, (Glenn, 1745 UT Nov 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saludos Glenn, en estos momentos desde EspaÒa por 12130, sÛlo emisiÛn de un tono cada 15 segundos, portadora sin emisiÛn (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, ibid.)

At 1800-1805 not even that audible here on 12130, just CODAR swoops; BBC 12095, presumably UK site, and Cairo 12050 were coming in. Any other reports from Europe? 73, (Glenn, ibid.)

Saludos Glenn, 1818 en 12130 Voice of Camer˙n, locutor con constantes referencias a Camer˙n, inglÈs con acento africano, 45433 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, ibid.)

25 mb is almost totally dead at my location. Very faint het on 12130 at 1825 (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, ibid.)

Very poor signal at 1835 here in France (JM Aubier, ibid.)

The signal is S6-9 with QSB, sandwiched between a couple of digital signals. Audio is low with talk about UN charter, human rights, etc. (Wade Smith, New Brunswick, 1842 UT Nov 6, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, Nothing heard here at my place in southern Denmark, just

north of the German border. 73s (Ydun Ritz, Vojens, 1843 UT, ibid.)

Solar-terrestrial indices for 05 November follow. Solar flux 79 and mid-latitude A-index 12. The mid-latitude K-index at 1800 UTC on 06 November was 3 (24 nT). No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours (SEC via DXLD)

Saludos cordiales, 4 Audios [short wav files] de La Voice of Camer˙n [sic] en Valencia DX http://es.geocities.com/jmromero782004/
12130, Voz de Camer˙n, 1818-1858, escuchada el 6 de Noviembre del 2005 en inglÈs a locutor con comentarios y referencias a la independencia del Camer˙n, segmento de m˙sica e identificaciÛn, cantos folklÛricos. 44343 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), EspaÒa, SANGEAN ATS 909, Antena hilo de siete metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Listeners to RCI's French service to Europe are upset with the B05 schedule, according to mail received by the French mailbag program (Nov. 6). The RCI French service had been aired at 9 p.m. French local time for years, but this was shifted to 7 p.m. local time with the B05 schedule. It appears many listeners won't be able to hear this program for whatever reason.

RCI management says there had been negative reports about reception during this period of low solar activity, prompting the station to shift its French broadcast to an earlier time slot and take advantage of better shortwave propagation. RCI says it might insert onto Hotbird its French program at 9 p.m. French local time to accommodate listeners who are unable to listen to the shortwave program.

At the end of the mailbag show there was an item about reception of the B05 frequencies. The RCI relay via Hˆrby is suffering from co-channel interference on 5850 kHz from an unidentified station. They will be waiting to see if that other station disappears. If not, RCI might shift to a nearby frequency. Meanwhile, RCI on 13650 kHz direct via Sackville was well received everywhere in Europe --- except in France, where reception was described as "nil." (Ricky Leong, Calgary, Alta, Nov 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. CRI Beijing at 0100 on 6020 and 9570 in parallel, same programming. 9580 has different programming,, all in English (Bob Thomas, CT, Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 6020 & 9570 are via Albania, 9580 via Cuba (gh, DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. No sign of Dr. Gene lately on 5030. Can't say I miss him (Good listening/Liz Cameron, MI, Nov 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Three RHC frequencies stayed on past 0700 Nov 5: 9550, 6060

and 11760 all with // program of low-key guitar music. Did not hear any station/network ID so I wonder if this was from R. Musical Nacional; certainly not Reloj as sometimes gets relayed. All of these went off without announcement, within a few seconds of each other around 0730* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. PREPARED FOR HURRICANES
By VANESSA ARRINGTON Associated Press Writer

HAVANA (AP) -- Dozens of city blocks in the Cuban capital were immersed in sea water after Hurricane Wilma swept past the island en route to Florida --- but not a single death was reported.

Around the Caribbean, Wilma was blamed for at least 22 deaths -- five in Florida, 12 in Haiti, at least four in Mexico and one in Jamaica.

Part of the country's good fortune could be because Wilma never made landfall here, but many also credit the fact people in Fidel Castro's Cuba are instructed from an early age how to move quickly during a natural disaster.

The United Nations and other international organizations have long praised Cuba's track record in preserving lives during hurricanes that regularly batter the island. When a tropical storm starts brewing in the Caribbean, a well-oiled hurricane-response machine clicks on in Cuba.

First, there's the informative phase, in which the island's state-run media begins broadcasting frequent announcements about the storm's movement. JosÈ Rubiera, head of Cuba's National Meteorology Institute, starts making television appearances, contributing to his near-celebrity status on the island.

If asked on the street, most Cubans can recite the storm's latest coˆrdinates and projected route. Because there is no MTV or HBO on state-sanctioned television programming, most people are watching the government's constant storm coverage.

Next comes the alert phase, informing Cubans that a hurricane hit is probable and to prepare for possible evacuation. Shortly thereafter comes the third phase -- alarm -- and evacuations begin.

The evacuations -- which are mandatory and rarely defied -- are a regular part of life for Cubans, especially those living in coastal areas prone to flooding. In the days before Wilma passed Cuba, about 700,000 people were evacuated in this country of about 11.2 million.

All the state's resources are mobilized, focused on the same goal: to

ensure that no one dies.

Vehicles are rounded up to provide transport for people in danger areas, and schools and other government buildings are converted into temporary shelters.

Citizens serving on civil defense committees -- organized by community, by neighborhood, even by block -- also go into high gear, ensuring that each shelter is properly stocked with food, water, blankets and other supplies.

Civil defense workers go from house to house in their neighborhoods, ensuring that everyone gets out in time. They are helped by leaders of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution, an ideological neighborhood watch group that keeps tabs on every person on every block in Cuba.

By the time the storm hits, the streets are empty, with residents tucked away in locations believed to be safe from whipping winds and drenching rains.

Cubans regularly also open their doors to neighbors, relatives and friends. During Hurricane Wilma, officials reported that about 80 percent of those evacuated stayed in other people's homes rather than government shelters.

"Everyone helps each other here," Dayami Gonz·lez said Tuesday while cleaning up her Havana home after floodwaters that had reached more than 3 feet inside began receding. "In the United States it seems like there's more egoism, where everyone just worries about themselves."

Giraldo GarcÌa, 64 and retired, blamed the U.S. government for the more than 1,000 Katrina-related deaths in New Orleans and the rest of the Gulf Coast. "It's like those in power don't think about anything but war," GarcÌa said. "It was so painful to see innocent people whose lives could have been saved.

GarcÌa praised his own country's system, particularly the response to the massive flooding in the capital, which submerged the coastal MalecÛn highway and several blocks inland after massive waves from Hurricane Wilma battered the island's northern coast.

Military amphibious vehicles and rescue squads evacuated nearly 250 residents from homes throughout Havana after the waves hit Monday. Government workers in huge trucks distributed meals of crackers, hot dogs and drinks to those still stuck without running water and electricity Tuesday.

"If there's any risk to human lives, I know that the government won't leave us to lady luck," Garcia said. (APn 10/26 0425 via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** EGYPT. R. Cairo on 11885, in English to NAm at 2300-2430: Nov 5 at 2320 there was something under WYFR Portuguese, but I could not be sure it was Cairo, and am merely relying on the B-05 tentative schedule which has it there as in A-05; as 2400 approached, Chinese became obvious, and checking A-05 EiBi, I see that 11885 is a Taiwan/Mainland battleground, so if Cairo is still on there, it is facing even more problems than WYFR, whose frequency manager claims priority on that channel, using it years before Cairo did.

Seems to me Cairo would be better off anyway during B-season on the next lower band. They used 9475 for many years to NAm, altho at a later hour, and that frequency now appears to be unused at least for this sesquihour, and perhaps even until 0430 when 11885 is scheduled to last with Arabic after English. OTOH, unless Cairo gets their decades-long modulation problems fixed, why should we bother to try to get them on a clear frequency? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7165.1, Nov 3 1640, R Ethiopia, Geja Jewe. In English with good signal on free frequency (Mauno Ritola, Finland, HCDX online log via DXLD)

** EUROPE. 11401 kHz, pirata francesa Radio Waves International, 1720-1730, 05-11, m˙sica moderna en inglÈs presentada por locutor con comentarios tambiÈn en inglÈs. SeÒal muy dÈbil, apenas audible. SINPO 154321 [sic]. (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Nov 6, Grundig YB 400, antena telescÛpica. Lugar de escucha: casco urbano de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FALKLAND ISLANDS [non]. Whither Falklands? Checked 11720 and 11680 at 2130 Friday, November 4 and BBC Calling the Falklands unheard -- my first check since the B05 schedule took effect. Hope it didn't disappear in the slash-and-burn rescheduling at the Beeb -- it's always been a pleasant piece of narrowcasting. I'm still looking for Russian programming to replace the BBC's from 1730-2030. 73 de (Anne Fanelli in balmy Elma, NY, Nov 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Still scheduled on 11680 in B-05:

English (to Falklands) 2130-2145 tu,fr 11680ra
11680 2130-2145 ..t..f. BBC Rampisham 500kW 209deg En SoAM HR 4/4/0.5
73 wb df6sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, Nov 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That`s what one source says, but the BBCWS website, which I also checked, shows 11720. So which are we to believe, especially when we

can hear neither? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. During the last days the new 1179 transmitter at Heusweiler was again on air until required 1700 sign-off, this time with SR Info audio, which is so far a DAB channel consisting of not much more than recorded news from SR3 Saarlandwelle. It is planned to extend this service (amongst other things also with RFI relays), hence the new mediumwave outlet for a real-world audience. Just as a reminder: The big 1422 at Heusweiler, carrying Deutschlandfunk for a decade now, is still owned and operated by Saarl%ndischer Rundfunk (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also MUSEA

** GREECE. Radio Makedonias 7450 at 2250 5 November in Greek with ID, national anthem. Very good signal. Usually off at 2350 during winter. From about 2200 on, often better than the Voice of Greece and often with better music. Weak on 9935 at 1435 also 5 November. Presumably this transmission signed off at 1550 (Good listening/Liz Cameron, MI, Nov 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE [and non]. Hellenes Around the World continues in B-05 on the Delano relay, now shifted to 1500-1600 UT Sat, and 9775 is extended another hour, rather than 15485 coming on an hour earlier. Unfortunately, the page about the topics on each week`s show http://www.voiceofgreece.gr/en/omogeneia_ekpompes.asp?catid=148 has not been updated since Oct 8 --- at least there is a date on it so we know this, rather than guessing whether it is current or not (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Hi: After a long struggle, I finally made up the Voice of Greece B-05 Program Schedule using VOG's web site in Greek. I hope that the days of the week are correct in my listings. It wasn't easy deciphering their intentions. On the Greek Program web site they used UTC for the frequencies and Greece Time for the listings, how confusing!

VOICE OF GREECE: B05 PROGRAM SCHEDULE
(Effective October 30, 2005 to March 25, 2006)

MON-FRI

UTC	Program
0000-0100	(Mon Wed Thu) Without 090 (Connection With ERA Sport)
	(Tue Fri) Connection With Second Program
0100-0200	Connection With Second Program
0200-0300	(Mon Tue Wed Thu) The Key To Sol
	(Fri) Good Luck
0300-0305	News In Greek
0305-0357	(Mon Wed Fri) For Your Favor Today
	(Tue Thu) Hello Patriots

0357-0400 Silent
0400-0500 (Mon) Connection With ERA Sport)
(Tue Wed Thu Fri) Morning For Two (Connection With NET 105.8)
0500-0600 (Mon) Connection With ERA Sport)
(Tue Wed Thu Fri) Greek Coffee
0600-0700 (Mon) Radio-Newspaper (Connection With NET 105.8)
(Tue Wed Thu Fri) Greek Coffee With Athletics
0700-0800 (Mon) Utterly Radio (Connection With NET 105.8)
(Tue Wed Thu Fri) Radio-Newspaper
0800-1200 (Tue) BREAK
0800-0900 (Mon Wed Thu Fri) The Ins And The Outs (Connection With NET 105.8)
0900-1000 (Mon Wed Thu Fri) Hello Patriots
1000-1100 BREAK
1100-1105 (Mon Wed Thu Fri) News In Greek
1105-1200 (Mon) Traveling With Art
(Wed) Civilization Eulogy
(Thu) Traveling With Art
(Fri) Civilization Eulogy
1200-1330 Radio-Newspaper With NET On The Economy (Connection With NET 105.8)
1330-1400 Postman
1400-1430 (Mon Wed Fri) Todayís Songs
(Tue Thu) Songs Of The Sea
1430-1435 Where From And Why
1435-1500 Deck News
1500-1505 News In Greek
1505-1600 Companyís Songs
1600-1700 Hello To Greece Everywhere
1700-1800 Radio-Newspaper (Connection With NET 105.8)
1800-2000 ERA 5-Network Without Borders
2000-2005 News in Greek
2005-2015 Athletic Panorama
2015-2200 Live Connection
2200-2400 (Mon Wed Thu) Without 090 (Connection With ERA Sport)
(Tue) Connection With NET 105.8
(Fri) In Concert With The Voice Of Greece

SATURDAY

UTC	Program
0000-0100	Say It Freely (Connection With ERA Sport)
0100-0200	Music Program (Connection With Second Program)
0200-0300	The Key To Sol (Connection With Second Program)
0300-0357	Hello Patriots (Connection With Second Program)
0357-0400	Silent
0400-0405	News Bulletin
0405-0415	Athletic Panorama

0415-0445 Money And Investments Of Saturday
0445-0500 Ecology Pages
0500-0600 Greece in the First Person
0600-0700 Traveling With The Dance And The Time (Connection With Second Program)
0700-0900 Special Operation (Connection With NET 105.8)
0900-0905 News In Greek
0905-0915 Athletic Panorama
0915-0930 Ecological Reports
0930-1000 Past Beautiful Years
1000-1100 BREAK
1100-1105 News In Greek
1105-1200 Sweet Country, Cyprus
1200-1300 Mid-Day Radio-Newspaper (Connection With NET 105.8)
1300-1315 Songs Of The Sea
1315-1330 Unknown Hellenism
1330-1400 Todayís Songs
1400-1405 News In Greek
1405-1500 People Of The Week
1500-1600 Greeks Everywhere (In English)
1600-1700 Microphone At The Grounds (Connection With ERA Sport)
1700-1800 Radio-Newspaper (Connection With NET 105.8)
1800-2000 Microphone At The Grounds (Connection With ERA Sport)
2000-2005 News In Greek
2005-2015 Athletic Panorama
2015-2300 Live Connection
2300-0000 Say It Freely (Connection With ERA Sport)

SUNDAY

UTC	Program
0000-0100	Say It Freely (Connection With ERA Sport)
0100-0200	Music Program (Connection With Second Program)
0200-0300	The Key To Sol (Connection With Second Program)
0300-0359	Hello Patriots (Connection With Second Program)
0359-0400	Silent
0400-0405	News Bulletin
0405-0415	Athletic Panorama
0415-0430	Songs Of The Sea
0430-0500	True Word
0500-0600	History Of One Week
0600-0815	Divine Liturgy (Connection With NET 105.8)
0815-0900	Connection With NET 105.8
0900-0905	News In Greek
0905-0915	Athletic Panorama
0915-1000	Profits and Losses
1000-1100	BREAK
1100-1105	News In Greek
1105-1200	Music Broadcast (In English) [``It`s All Greek to Me``?]

1200-1300 Mid-Day Radio-Newspaper
1300-1330 Greek Flavors
1330-1400 Third Bell
1400-1405 News In Greek
1405-2000 Microphone At The Grounds (Connection With ERA Sport)
2000-2005 News in Greek
2005-2100 Live Connection (Athletic Broadcast)
2100-2200 Connection With ERA Sport
2200-2400 Say It Freely (Connection With ERA Sport)
(John Babbis, Silver Spring, MD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Voice of Greece, It's All Greek To Me, English programme confirmed November 6th 1105-1200 on 12105 15630 17525 as John Babbis posted. Good reception here on all frequencies (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth Garden City, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUYANA. 3291.16, Voice of Guyana, Sparendaam; 2337-2347 Nov. 5. Good with oldie pop vocal, English man with time check, EZL piano song abruptly into another vocal which in turn abruptly went into a jewelry store spot, then the male announcer with another time check and babbling something about "only a couple a-more hours till..." into reggae vocal (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W Nov 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. HRMI on 3339.98 at 0210 on Friday, 4 November. Weak with talk in Spanish. At 0108 on 5 November with barely audible signal, on exact same frequency. Presumed and list logged courtesy of Mark Mohrmann's LADX list --- too weak for any sort of ID. Not heard during the spring and summer. No sign of LV EvangÈlica on 4820 for at least a few nights (Good listening/Liz Cameron, MI, Nov 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Mumbai 7195, 7190, 7194.2 --- Dear Friends, AIR Mumbai was noted on 7190 instead of the usual 7195 at 0025-0430 0700-1330 1430-1740 from Oct. 25 to Nov. 5, 2005.

In the past when their frequency used to change slightly I used to telephone the station and they used to correct it instantly. However I mistook the latest change it as an official change.

Then today they were observed on 7194.2 and when I contacted the station on telephone, the official informed that they were on 7195 only all these days! However they switched off the station after my call and after a few minutes came back on 7194.2 itself.

Hopefully they will be coming back on their original frequency of 7195 very soon. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, Nov 6, dx_india via

DXLD)

** INDIA. A VISIT TO AIR NAJIBABAD --- Jose Jacob, VU2JOS

Najibabad is a small town in Bijnor District of Uttar Pradesh in North India. The town was founded in the middle of 18th century by a Rohilla chief. It contains several monuments built during the reign of the Rohillas. Najibabad is around 40 km north of the District Capital Bijnor. Najibudaulahís Fort built in the 18th century is a main attraction here.

Najibabad was 50 kms from Haridwar, where I was stationed for 8 days in mid October 2005. One day I make a hurried trip in a newspaper delivery car, to Najibabad exclusively to visit the AIR station there. The road passes through forests and we could see lot of monkeys there. Upon reaching Haridwar, after enquiries with the local people, I could find out where the station was actually located. Hindi is the local language there.

The offices and studioes of AIR Najibabad are in the town, near the Railway Station. It was inaugurated on 27 January 1978. As the Suptg. Engineer Mr. N. M. Nath and the Asst. Station Engineer Mr. P. C. Sharma were on leave on that particular day, the other staff showed me around. I had taken a copy of the verification letter received from them last year which was useful as I was visiting them without any appointment. 3 studios are there named Talk, Music and Play Back studios.

The transmitter site is at Samipur on the Kothdwar Road about 5 kms away from the studios. The local conveyance available to that place was the crowded three wheelers, jeeps, tractor trolleys and Tongas (Horse ridden carts). I chose the Tongas to have a taste of the locals and reached the transmitting station in a short time. The Asst. Engineer on duty Mr. V. K. Sharma described the function of his station.

The transmitter is a BEL 105 with a power of 100 kW. It operates on 954 kHz. The studio to Transmitter link operates on 1440 MHz using Meltron Moseley SL9003Q. They use a self radiating mast 115 Meters high. There is an emergency studio also adjoining the transmitter room. The coverage area of the station is about 40,000 sq km in the Districts of Bijnor of Uttar Pradesh State and Chamoli, Dehradun, Haridwar, Uttar Kashi, Pauri Garhwal, Rudra Prayag and Tehri Garhwal of Uttaranchal State with a population of 1,21,00000.

Till a couple of years back, Uttaranchal State was part of Uttar Pradesh State. As the new Uttarnchal State does not have many powerful radio stations and as the Najibabad MW station was already covering

most of the new state, several programs broadcast specially for Uttaranchal from AIR Najibabad.

As the AIR coverage in Uttaranchal is less AIR Delhi relays AIR Lucknow with special programs for Uttarnchal on Short Wave 6030 kHz at 0200-0310 & 1215-1430.

AIR Najibabad broadcasts in the following languages: Hindi, Garhwali, Kumaoni, Urdu, Jaunsari, Nepali, Sanskrit and English. At 2.00ñ2.30 pm there is a daily program for the Defence Forces in the area. Several programs are relayed from AIR Lucknow, the station in the State Capital. There are 3 broadcasts and timings are [UT +5:30]:

5.55 -10.00 am
12.00 - 3.05 pm
5.00 -11.10 pm (Sundays from 4.00 pm)

A new 200 kW transmitter is expected there very shortly to replace the 100 kW transmitter. The new Transmitter Hall and the antenna feeder lines are all ready there.

The station is now heard widely heard in different parts of India and with the new 200 kW transmitter coming up shortly, it is sure to be heard even better. The address for reception reports is Station Engineer, All India Radio, Najibabad-246763, Bijnor District, Uttar Pradesh. They issue full data verification letters.

73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, Tel: 91-40-5516 7388 Telefax: 91-40-2331 0287, EchoLink: Node No. 133507 VU2NRO, http://www.niar.org dx_india via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3240, spurious signal, 2130-2339, Oct 20, I heard mixed signal of RRI Pro3 Jakarta // FM 88.8 MHz and Pro 1 RRI Bogor // 1242. Jakarta had a phone-in programme with Indonesian pop songs, RRI jingle and ID, time pips and news 2200-2219 ended with "Padamu Negri", followed by talk, religious choir hymns, recorded speech of President SBY honoring Ramadhan month news 2300-2323, headlines, pop songs and canned call "save fuel energy". Bogor had a programme with a religious choir, Qur'an verses, relayed Jakarta 2200-2220, reading Qur'an, sermon, answering phone-in questions on religious matters, relayed Jakarta news, 2326 recorded President SBY speech, ID, TC, jingle and local news, 2329 ID (Tony Ashar, Depok, West Java, DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD) Mix with another MW or SW signal?? (gh, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS [non?]. 18727, Information R (R Ma'alumat) operated by the U. S. Forces in Iraq // 756 and 864 MW, was inaudible in Denmark Oct 26 and 27 at 1600-1700. Cf. UNID in DX-Window no. 283!

However, direction finding done on Oct 25 indicates that the transmitter is located somewhere on the line Adana (Central Turkey) - Westernmost Iraq - Thumrait (Oman) - Diego Garcia (Indian Ocean). It might be from the main U.S. Air Force Base in Turkey at Incirlik about 10 km east of Adana. But even from there the frequency is pretty high for reception in nearby Iraq! Could it be from the U. S. Air Force Base at Diego Garcia? (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. CLANDESTINES --- 3860.5v, UNID, 1710-1722*, Oct 19, Farsi-language, mentioned Kurdistan, jammed and suddenly off at 1722. Probably changed frequency to avoid jamming as the same female announcer was heard at 1725 on 4365.5. 43444 (Bjarke Vestesen in Palmyra, Syria, DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD) Probably the Voice of the Communist Party of Iran (DSWCI Ed)

3865, Voice of the Communist Party of Iran, 1715-1753*, Oct 20, Farsi ann, IDs as "Radyo Komalah". Jammed. At 1738 frequency was changed to 3855.71 kHz to avoid jamming, but this lasted for only one minute! At 1745 frequency was changed once again to 3865.84 kHz with news reports (Washington mentioned several times). Jamming began here at 1748 and heard here untill s/off at 1753*. 42332-44444 (Vestesen in Palmyra, Syria)

3895.06, UNID, 1524-1530, Oct 20, Kurdish folk music, again completely covered by Iranian jamming. 31331 (Vestesen in Palmyra, Syria). Probably the Voice of Iranian Revolution. (Ed)

3968.4v, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, 0410-0429*, Oct 21, Kurdish, clear ID at 0413 and 0429. Denmark mentioned. Jammed and best audible in LSB. Not // to 4850 which was heard at the same time. Frequency changed at 0429-0430 to avoid jamming to 3960, heard here with IDs like "Radyo Kurdistani Irani" several times. Also jammed here. 33443-43443. (Vestesen in Palmyra, Syria)

3970, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, 0425-0456*, Oct 20, Kurdish or Farsi (could not hear the difference clearly), ann, Kurdish music, jammed but still best audible in USB, ID at 0430 and 0455 as "radyo sedaye kurdistani Irani". Same programme heard on 4870, but not in parallel - but music, announcers etc. were the same. 42332 (Vestesen in Palmyra, Syria)

4375.76, UNID, 1520-1525, Oct 20, Farsi or Kurdish ann, Quran-prayer, almost completely blocked by jamming. 41331 (Vestesen in Palmyra, Syria). Probably the Voice of Iranian Revolution // 3880v. (Ed)

4395.7, Voice of the Independence of Iranian Kurdistan, 1507-1511*, Oct 20, Farsi, heavy jammed, suddenly off-air and after some detective

work it might have changed frequency to 4385 for a few minutes and then off, 31331 (Vestesen in Palmyra)

4404.15, UNID, 1505-1530, Oct 20, no ann but only nonstop Arabic music, jammed at 1519 and then not audible. Untill then: 34444 (Vestesen in Palmyra, Syria). Probably the Voice of the Independence of Iranian Kurdistan. (Ed)

4406.2, Voice of the Independence of Iranian Kurdistan, 1525-1544*, Oct 31, orchestra music until 1534 when a man gave ID in Kurdish twice: "Eira Dengi Sarbakhoye Kurdistana Irana" followed by a martial song by mixed choir, 1537 another ID in Kurdish, a fanfare and a long sentence with several ID's! 34343 with slight CWQRM. At 1538 another man gave an ID possibly in Farsi and jamming immediately started, 32342. At 1540 the station was heard on 4404.9 with a song and then disappeared (Anker Petersen, Denmark). Cf. items above and DX-Window no. 282. (Ed)

4850, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, 0410-0428*, Oct 21, Kurdish, same announcer as on 3968.4, but not in parallel and seemingly not the same programme. Weaker here, but also less jamming. Clear ID at 0427. Frequency changed to 4870 from 0432, also heard at this time with IDs. Jammed. Disappeared after checking at 0455 (I was listening on 3960 at this time). 23433-22442 (Vestesen in Palmyra, Syria)

4870, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, 0450-0459*, Oct 20, same programme as heard on 3970, but not in parallel. Jammed - as usual. 33333. (Vestesen in Palmyra, Syria)

6335, Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan, *1400-1430, Oct 16, s/on with nonstop Kurdish music, ann, ID in Kurdish and Quran-prayer. 34333 (Vestesen in Krak des Chevaliers, Syria, all: DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. Voice of Korea (P`yongyang) to change frequencies as of Nov 7, 0700. Below the new schedule:

Subject: [A-DX] Stimme Koreas, P`yongyang, Nordkorea %ndert

Guten Tag in die Runde! Die Stimme Koreas, P`yongyang, Nordkorea, %ndert seine Frequenzen nach eigenen Ansagen ab Montag, den - 07.11.2005, 7:00 UT.

Den Sendeplan findet Ihr nachfolgend und als verschiedene Word-Dokumente im Anhang. Ich bitte um weiete Verbereitung und Verˆffentlichung mit Quellenangabe.

Sollte es noch die eine oder andere ƒnderung geben, so werde ich sie nachreichen. Vy 73 + gut DX w¸nscht

(OM Arnulf Piontek, Berlin, Deutschland, Grundig Satellit 600, Teleskopantenne, dx @ surfnett.de Nov 5, A-DX via Kai Ludwig, DXLD)
Viz.:

0000	Chinesisch	13650	15100				SEAs
0000	Koreanisch (PBS)	7140	9345	9730			NECHN
0000	Spanisch	11735	13760	15180			CAm
0100	Englisch	7140	9345	9730			NEAs
0100	Englisch	11735	13760	15180			CAm
0100	Franzˆsisch	13650	15100				SEAs
0200	Chinesisch	7140	9345	9730			NECHN
0200	Englisch	13650	15100				SEAs
0200	Spanisch	11735	13760	15180			CAm
0300	Chinesisch	13650	15100				SEAs
0300	Englisch	7140	9345	9730			NEAs
0300	Franzˆsisch	11735	13760	15180			CAm
0700	Japanisch	621	3250	7580	9650		J
0700	Koreanisch (PBS)	7140	9345				NECHN
0700	Russisch	9975	11735				FE
0700	Russisch	13760	15245				Eu
0800	Chinesisch	7140	9345				NECHN
0800	Japanisch	621	3250	7580	9650		J
0800	Russisch	9975	11735				FE
0800	Russisch	13760	15245				Eu
0900	Japanisch	621	3250	6070	7580	9650	J
0900	Koreanisch (KCBS)	7140	9345				NECHN
0900	Koreanisch (PBS)	9975	11735				FE
0900	Koreanisch (PBS)	13760	15245				Eu
1000	Englisch	6285	9335				CAm
1000	Englisch	6185	9850				SEAs
1000	Japanisch	621	3250	6070	7580	9650	J
1000	Koreanisch (PBS)	7140	9345				NECHN
1100	Chinesisch	7140	9345				CHN
1100	Franzˆsisch	6285	9335				CAm
1100	Franzˆsisch	6185	9850				SEAs
1100	Japanisch	621	3250	6070	7580	9650	J
1200	Japanisch	621	3250	6070	7580	9650	J
1200	Koreanisch (KCBS)	6285	9335				CAm
1200	Koreanisch (KCBS)	6185	9850				SEAs
1200	Koreanisch (PBS)	7140	9345				NECHN
1300	Chinesisch	6185	9850				SEAs
1300	Englisch	7570	12015				WEu
1300	Englisch	9335	11710				NAm
1300	Koreanisch (PBS)	6285	9325				Eu
1400	Franzˆsisch	7570	12015				WEu
1400	Franzˆsisch	9335	11710				NAm
1400	Koreanisch (KCBS)	6185	9850				SEAs

1400	Russisch	6285	9325			Eu
1500	Arabisch	9990	11545			ME, NAf
1500	Englisch	7570	12015			WEu
1500	Englisch	9335	11710			NAm
1500	Russisch	6285	9325			Eu
1600	Deutsch	6285	9325			WEu
1600	Englisch	9990	11545			ME, NAf
1600	Franzˆsisch	7570	12015			WEu
1600	Franzˆsisch	9335	11710			NAm
1700	Arabisch	9990	11545			ME, NAf
1700	Koreanisch (KCBS)	7570	12015			WEu
1700	Koreanisch (KCBS)	9335	11710			NAm
1700	Russisch	6285	9325			Eu
1800	Deutsch	6285	9325			WEu
1800	Englisch	7570	12015			WEu
1800	Franzˆsisch	7100	11910			SAf
1800	Franzˆsisch	9975	11535			ME, NAf
1900	Englisch	9975	11535			ME, NAf
1900	Englisch	7100	11910			SAf
1900	Deutsch	6285	9325			WEu
1900	Spanisch	7570	12015			WEu
2000	Franzˆsisch	7570	12015			WEu
2000	Koreanisch (KCBS)	7100	11910			SAf
2000	Koreanisch (KCBS)	6285	9325			WEu
2000	Koreanisch (KCBS)	9975	11535			ME, NAf
2100	Chinesisch	7180	9345			NECHN
2100	Chinesisch	9975	11535			CHN
2100	Englisch	7570	12015			WEu
2100	Japanisch	621	3250	7580	9650	J
2200	Chinesisch	7180	9345			NECHN
2200	Chinesisch	9975	11535			CHN
2200	Japanisch	621	3250	7580	9650	J
2200	Spanisch	7570	12015			WEu
2300	Japanisch	621	3250	7580	9650	J
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** KOREA NORTH [and non]. PRIVATE JAPAN RADIO REACHES OUT TO ABDUCTEES IN NORTH KOREA | Text of report in English by Japanese newspaper Mainichi Daily News website on 5 November

A private group in Japan has begun a short-wave radio programme to encourage Japanese nationals believed abducted to North Korea.
The programme, launched by the Investigation Commission on Missing

Japanese Probably Related to North Korea, is called "shiokaze" (sea breeze) because group members hope sea breezes will transport their voices to abducted people.

"If abduction victims learn that we are carrying out rescue activities, it will give them hope," said Kazuhiro Araki, representative of the group.

The programme is aired in the frequency band of 5.89 megahertz for 30 minutes every night. Group members record the contents of the programme at their office in Tokyo's Bunkyo-ku.

The programme starts with the call, "This is shiokaze." The names of about 50 missing people and their birth dates are read out on each programme. The time and locations of suspected abductions are also read.

The list of names includes 11 people recognized by the Japanese government as those abducted, 250 people who went missing, and five others who were probably kidnapped.

The group plans to air the voices of relatives of the suspected abduction victims. "We apologize to abduction victims for conducting few rescue activities so far. You will definitely be saved," Araki often says in the programme. "Hang on a little longer."

At the request of the Japanese group, a London-based broadcasting service relays the group's shiokaze programme through a facility in a third country. The group doesn't reveal the location of the facility for security reasons.

The programme costs the group about 3m yen a year. The group covers the costs by contributions from supporters.

Tamaji Takeshita, an elder sister of Noriko Furukawa who went missing in 1973, said, "I hope the programme will reach missing people to give them encouragement."

Security officials in Japan say that radio ownership must be reported to authorities in North Korea and the available frequency bands are limited there, adding that radio waves are jammed to prevent people form listening to overseas programmes.

Toru Yamashita, director of a private broadcasting research group, however, said that Chinese-made short wave radio receivers are probably on sale in the underground market of North Korea, and that short-wave bands are not too jammed.

Charles Jenkins, husband of former abductee Hitomi Soga, says in his book that he listened to a Voice of America news programme about the 2002 summit meeting between Japan and North Korea on a radio he secretly owned in North Korea. Source: Mainichi Daily News website, Tokyo, in English 5 Nov 05 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH [and non]. Re 5-189, 11810: Question (I should ask this one to KBS properly): If KBS World can provide a service in English to North America at 0200 on 9560 via Sackville, What is this "seems-to-be-only" transmitter doing between 01-02 when it should be providing a reliable Spanish service to the entire American Continent?

Signals from Canada are from VG to excellent most of the time here in Tiquicia. Needless to say the plain "5" we get from their Spanish service on 13730 at 0000. Same thing happens from 1400 for The Morning Show on 17820 and slightly less on 13655.

Yo es que no tengo ning˙n contacto con KBS World pero alg˙n colega latinoamericano seguidor de sus transmisiones deberÌa cuestionarles cu·l es el impedimento de utilizar ese mismo transmisor de Sackville (ser· que sÛlo uno tienen? Lo dudo) en 9560 a las 0200 para su servicio en inglÈs a NorteamÈrica, igualmente una hora antes cuando dicen llegar por 11810, cosa que yo mencionÈ no escuchar aquÌ ni un hilo y reconfirmÛ el colega argentino RubÈn Guillermo Margenet.

Es cuestiÛn de seguir el sentido com˙n empleado por Viet-Nam, Taiwan, NHK, o R. Int. de China, que se apoyan en las primeras horas UTC para llegarnos ya sea de Canad·, Okeechobee, Cuba o MontsinÈry, a sabiendas de que no lograrÌan llegarnos en forma directa desde Asia en dicho horario como pretende hacerlo KBS World. Por quÈ entonces no hacen lo mismo en inglÈs por 9560 a las 0200 a ver como les va? (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, I was going through KBS English B05 schedule & wondered to note that they have discontinued 1600-1700 UT English transmission directed towards Africa / South Asia. This was the single frequency audible in a convenient time. KBS get maximum feedback / quiz entry from India & Bangladesh only. I don't know, how such decision can be implemented. Regards, (Swopan Chakroborty, Kolkata, India, Nov 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [and non]. See IRAN [non]

** LATVIA. QSL: 9290, Europa Radio International via Ulbroka. Date only card depicting the Red Sands Towers, off Whitstable, Kent, UK, once home to stations such as Radio Invicta, K.I.N.G. and Radio 390. Mentioned that the October 23trd broadcast was their last, for now. Reply in 4 days after sending an e-mail report to: alanday @

europaradiointernational.co.uk Postal address is PO Box 299, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2YA, United Kingdom (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, Nov 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA [non]. Star Radio, Monrovia, via Ascension, Nov 6 at 0703 with news in English about Liberia, in progress by YL with heavy accent but careful enunciation, very good signal on 9525 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. Hello. Just letting you know that from Wednesday 30th November Pipeline Radio will commence its weekly quality pop/rock format from Lithuania in English to northern Europe. Reasons to switch on your radio on winter Wednsday Nights are- Pipeline Radio will broadcast from 2300 hrs Central European until 0100 [2200-2400 UT]. Pipeline Radio will be available on 1386 AM Wednesday nights and 7/24 on the net Pipeline Radio on 1386 will be heard in Sweden, Lithuania, Lativia, Finland and Belarus. Pipeline Radio is always avaliable 24/7 around the world at http://www.pipelineradio.org Reception reports welcomed at studio @ pipelineradio.org (Steve Cisco, Rus-DX Nov 6 via DXLD)

** MEXICO. Greetings from Monterey, It's been over a year since I was last in contact with XERTA, but just received a short e-mail from them.

"Radio Transcontinental de America charlaxerta @ yahoo.com.mx Hola Ron Howard, Le escribo a nombre de Don RubÈn CastaÒeda, para saludarlo y felicitarle, y esperamos nos siga sintonizando. Atte: VÌctor Rosas Mtz." RubÈn CastaÒeda EspÏndola is the Presidende Y Director General of XERTA (Ron Howard, CA, Nov 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. BONILLA UPDATE --- Regarding the Section 325(c) cross-border program transmission permit/s used by XHBCE, 105.7 MHz, Matamoros Jaramillo, the move by Lazer and Emmis to have those permit/s revoked may take months to resolve. A Washington attorney who has been watching the case says it would be "surprising" if the FCC's International Bureau acted before March 2006 (CGC Communicator Nov 5 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Last night, there was no sign of RN on 6165 kHz when I checked. This morning, the 1200 transmission was late in signing on, eventually coming up at about 1203 GMT. (The new show "Saturday Connection" seems to be nothing special, though the listener feedback slot was a nice addition to the RN sked.) Very sloppy. I expect this from the BBCWS, but not from RN. 73, (Peter Bowen, Toronto ON, Nov 5, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

6165 was going OK shortly after 0000 Nov 5 when I checked. And Nov 6

with Saturday Connexion. However, a few minutes earlier at 0000 I was listening to the opening of Spanish on 11900 via Ascension, introduced by mistake as ``hoy viernes 5 de noviembre``, and then the transmitter cut off for half a minute (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5544.64, Radio San AndrÈs, Cutervo, Cajamarca; 0055-0203 Nov. 4. Presumed the one, very good with pan flutes and harp music, male announcer briefly between each song with time check but no clear IDs (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W Nov 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5544.60, Radio San AndrÈs, Cutervo, Cajamarca, 2332-2340, November 05, Spanish, tecnocumbias, local ads in Spanish!!, 24432 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, HCDX via DXLD) You were surprised they were in Spanish? (gh, DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. I have information regarding relays of news from Philippine broadcast stations over Philippine maritime frequencies:
17260, Manila Radio (USB) c/s DZH at 2300.
17366, Bulacan Manila Bay Radio (USB) c/s DZK at 2300.
Anybody out there who can confirm this? No propagation at that time to Europe at this time of the year (Harald Kuhl, Germany in Dxplorer, Oct 24 via DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD). I will go and check it! (Anker Petersen, DSWCI Ed)

** PUERTO RICO. Pronunciation of W: see LANGUAGE LESSONS

** RUSSIA. Primorski Krai. Vladivostok. In a winter season radio station " Pacific ocean " prophesies on frequency 810 kHz in a range of average waves and on frequency 5960 kHz in a range of short waves. The trial announcement on frequency 7330 kHz in a direction of sea of Okhotsk from November, 10 till November, 18, 2005 will be carried out(spent). Edition asks all who will hear trial transfers on this frequency to write on the address gtrk @ mail.iks.ru (for "Pacific Ocean") the message on quality of reception of a signal of radio station for definition of optimum parameters of transfer (Roman Nazarov, / " open_dx ' via Rus-DX Nov 6 via DXLD) 0935-1000 UT (Rus-DX Editor, ibid.)

** SOMALIA [non]. 17660, 04/11 1330, R. Waaberi - J¸lich (Germania), Somali, sign-on, talk YL. QRM CRI 17650 kHz. Solo venerdÏ. SIO 232 (LUCA BOTTO FIORA, Rapallo (Genova), playdx yg via DXLD)

** SPAIN [non]. Ciao! Grazie all'attivit‡ geomagnetica iniziata ieri pomeriggio GiovedÏ, vari ascolti in banda tropicale ---

3315, 0128 4.11, REE, relay Costarica, qrn p/s (Paolo Albini, Italy? Playdx yg via DX) So they moved from 3350? (gh, DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. Has anybody any idea about Sri Lanka Brod. Co. Bengali programme at 0035-0050 UT on 11905 kHz? I am unable to trace their Bengali programme since 30th October '05. Hindi music is only played on this channel. 73s, (Swopan Chakroborty, Kolkata, India, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SYRIA. 826.88 MW, R Damascus, 2100-2125, Oct 19, Arabic announcement, heard // 567 and 918 MW, just mentioned here to confirm that Syria actually IS off-frequency from normal 828 kHz. 44444 (Bjarke Vestesen in Palmyra, Syria, DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 11940, Trans World Broadcasting Ministry, 1338-1355*, Oct 23, Chinese music and vocals hosted by a woman with brief Chinese talks and then a man with additional Chinese talks. Brief announcement at 1354, instrumental music. Fair signal (Rich D'Angelo, PA, DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD) But reported to have closed down SW in Sept. So was this really something else? (gh, DXLD)

** THAILAND [non]. R. Thailand, English news hour at 0000-0100 on 5890; this is an airing of their morning show on AM & FM. Continues at 0100 in Thai (Bob Thomas, CT, Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Does not start until 0030, tho I`ve heard the carrier on much earlier. This is Greenville, and the first half of the news hour comes back at 0300 on 5890 via Delano, at least as per previous scheduling (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. THAI OFFICIALS DENY VOICE OF AMERICA STATION US SECRET TERROR JAIL | Text of report by Yuwadee Tunyasiri, Yutthapong Kamnodnae entitled: "State denies relay station in Udon Thani is secret prison", published in English by Thai newspaper Bangkok Post website on 5 November

Curiosity surrounding secret CIA prisons has fuelled rumours of a remote Voice of America (VOA) relay station in Udon Thani operating as a front for a "black site". Reporters and curious observers flocked to the station in Ban Dung district after the Washington Post on Wednesday [2 November] reported the US Central Intelligence Agency was holding top Al-Qa'idah suspects in "black sites" in Thailand, Afghanistan and several other countries.

The remoteness of the securely-fenced station sitting on a huge 3,200-rai land plot has aroused suspicion that the facility could harbour secret activities. The station is guarded around the clock by 15 security employees. Located on the premises are a garage and a storage shack without any sleeping quarters. About a dozen staff members at the station stay in the town and commute to work every day, according

to one security guard interviewed by reporters.

Udon Thani Governor Jaruek Prinyapol said the district chief assigned to inspect the station confirmed there was no secret prison there. Some observers, however, felt the suspicions could have grounds as the station was located in the middle of nowhere, away from the public eye.

The government dismissed the rumours as baseless. Government spokesman Surapong Suebwonglee said it defied logic that a media facility in charge of investigating facts would double as a prison. "The Post report is not something we can hide. It has spilled into the public domain and most people know about it. It's just impossible to put the radio station (up as a front for a secret jail) and be able to cover it up," he said.

PM's Office Minister Suranan Vejjajiva, who oversees the Public Relations Department (PRD), insisted no such prison existed at the station. All of the parties he talked to - the PRD, the Udon Thani governor, the VOA station manager and the US embassy - maintained there was nothing out of the ordinary going on. The facility required plenty of space to operate because of the large transmitters used for powerful broadcasts around the world.

Mr Suranan added he had spoken to VOA station director Denis Wover [name as published] who promised to open the site for checks. He said the station was normally off-limits to unauthorized individuals although entry could be granted if requested in advance. The access controls were in place for security reasons. "What we've heard is plain rumour," he said. "The government will not let anyone conduct activities which break the rules and America is well aware of this," Mr Suranan said.

Foreign Minister Kantathi Suphamongkhon said the Thai ambassador to Washington would tell the newspaper that the report was damaging to the country's sovereignty. The facts needed to be straightened out. His ministry would ask the State Department and the Pentagon to inquire into the source of the Post article, and it may take legal action against the paper. Source: Bangkok Post website, Bangkok, in English 5 Nov 05 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** U K [non]. BBCWS in English, World Today on 17615, fluttery but good signal at 0013 Nov 6. This hour is via Thailand, formerly on 17655 in A-05, aimed to FE more or less onward toward us; not // 5975 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Reino Unido. La BBC cerrar· otras 8 secciones de lenguas extranjeras, incluida la de idioma b˙lgaro. Ocurrir· con toda

probabilidad a partir del 1 de enero de 2006. La secciÛn en idioma b˙lgaro de la BBC existe desde inicios de los aÒos 40 del siglo pasado (Noticias DX por: R˙men P·nkov [Radio Bulgaria] via: Dino Bloise [Florida, EEUU], dxldyg via DXLD)

That`s strange; all other reports say 10 languages will go, and the likely date is the end of March, i.e. end of the B-05 season (gh, DXLD)

** U K. Food for thought: CONTINENTAL DRIFT --- THE BBC SHOULD BE POINTING ITS TV TRANSMITTERS AT AFRICA, NOT THE MIDDLE EAST
Philip Fiske de Gouveia, Friday November 4, 2005

The recent announcement of the launch of a new BBC Arabic television channel has a rather disappointing inevitability about it. But the BBC, and the government, are looking at the wrong continent. They should be aiming for Africa...

Television is replacing radio as the medium of choice in Africa - and just as al-Jazeera itself has had genuine political impact in the Middle East, so an African version could do the same. The BBC must swing its TV transmitters not eastwards, but south towards a media-hungry Africa. Full article:
http://media.guardian.co.uk/broadcast/comment/0,7493,1608044,00.html
(Mike Barraclough, swprograms via DXLD)

** U S A. SPENDING INQUIRY FOR TOP OFFICIAL ON BROADCASTING
The New York Times November 5, 2005 By STEPHEN LABATON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 - Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, the head of the federal agency that oversees most government broadcasts to foreign countries, including the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, is the subject of an inquiry into accusations of misuse of federal money and the use of phantom or unqualified employees, officials involved in that examination said on Friday.

Mr. Tomlinson was ousted from the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting on Thursday after its inspector general concluded an investigation that was critical of him. That examination looked at his efforts as chairman of the corporation to seek more conservative programs on public radio and television.

But Mr. Tomlinson remains an important official as the chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. The board, whose members include the secretary of state, plays a central role in public diplomacy. It supervises the government's foreign broadcasting operations, including Radio MartÌ, Radio Sawa and al-Hurra; transmits programs in 61 languages; and says it has more than 100 million listeners each

week.

The board has been troubled lately over deep internal divisions and criticism of its Middle East broadcasts. Members of the Arab news media have said its broadcasts are American propaganda.

People involved in the inquiry said that investigators had already interviewed a significant number of officials at the agency and that, if the accusations were substantiated, they could involve criminal violations.

Last July, the inspector general at the State Department opened an inquiry into Mr. Tomlinson's work at the board of governors after Representative Howard L. Berman, Democrat of California, and Senator Christopher J. Dodd, Democrat of Connecticut, forwarded accusations of misuse of money.

The lawmakers requested the inquiry after Mr. Berman received complaints about Mr. Tomlinson from at least one employee at the board, officials said. People involved in the inquiry said it involved accusations that Mr. Tomlinson was spending federal money for personal purposes, using board money for corporation activities, using board employees to do corporation work and hiring ghost employees or improperly qualified employees.

Through an aide at the broadcasting board, Mr. Tomlinson declined to comment Friday about the State Department inquiry.

In recent weeks, State Department investigators have seized records and e-mail from the Broadcasting Board of Governors, officials said. They have shared some material with the inspector general at the corporation, including e-mail traffic between Mr. Tomlinson and White House officials including Karl Rove, a senior adviser to President Bush and a close friend of Mr. Tomlinson.

Mr. Rove and Mr. Tomlinson became friends in the 1990's when they served on the Board for International Broadcasting, the predecessor agency to the board of governors. Mr. Rove played an important role in Mr. Tomlinson's appointment as chairman of the broadcasting board.

The content of the e-mail between the two officials has not been made public but could become available when the corporation's inspector general sends his report to members of Congress this month.

That inspector general examined several contracts that were approved by Mr. Tomlinson but not disclosed to board members. The contracts provided for payments to a researcher who monitored the political content of several shows, including "Now" with Bill Moyers, and

payments to two Republican lobbyists who were retained to help defeat a proposal in Congress that would have required greater representation of broadcasters on the corporation's board.

The inspector general also examined the role of a White House official, Mary C. Andrews, in Mr. Tomlinson's creation of an ombudsman's office to monitor the political balance of programs.

Mr. Tomlinson has said he took those steps to counter what he called a clear liberal tilt of public broadcasting. But broadcasting executives and critics of the corporation say the steps violated the corporation's obligations to insulate broadcasting from politics.

On Thursday Mr. Tomlinson was forced to step down from the corporation, which directs nearly $400 million in federal money to public radio and television, after the board was briefed about the conclusions by its inspector general. In that inquiry, examiners looked at accusations that Mr. Tomlinson improperly used corporation money to promote more conservative programming.

State Department officials said on Friday that al-Hurra, the Arabic language satellite television network set up by the board of governors, was also being examined by the inspector general for possibly problematic procurement practices. That audit was first disclosed on Friday by The Financial Times.

The audit began at the request of al-Hurra, the officials said. A statement by the broadcasting board said that the agency had "no indication of any wrongdoing."

The network, which receives nearly $50 million in federal financing and is broadcast in 22 countries, was set up to compete with al-Jazeera and other Arab news media. One State Department official said Karen P. Hughes, under secretary of state for public diplomacy, had been briefed on the subject and "awaits the findings of the inspector general's audit."

Steven R. Weisman contributed reporting for this article. Copyright 2005 The New York Times Company (via Mike Cooper, Phillip Dampier, DXLD)

** U S A. A CRY IN THE WILDERNESS MAY FINALLY BE ANSWERED

Dateline: WASHINGTON, 11/04/05. At last, after years of expressing concerns about perceived irregularities in regard to Alhurra, it seems Congress is finally going to investigate.

Alhurra is the television service set up by the Broadcasting Board of

Governors (BBG) to broadcast to the Middle East. The BBG eliminated the Voice of America Arabic Service and replaced it with Radio Sawa and Alhurra. AFGE Local 1812 has also insisted that Congress investigate irregularities in regard to Radio Sawa.

According to an article in The Financial Times today, the BBG has asked the State Department's Inspector General to investigate. (It should be noted that the BBG was able to have an earlier report of the State Department Inspector General's investigation into Radio Sawa killed.)

The article goes on to report that the House of Representatives' subcommittee on oversight and investigation will hold a hearing on November 10 in which BBG chairman, Kenneth Tomlinson and Alhurra news director, Mouafac Harb, have been called to testify.

AFGE Local 1812 has obtained a copy of an email that Bert Kleinman, President of the Middle East Broadcasting Network (the organization that oversees Radio Sawa and Alhurra) apparently wrote announcing that he was resigning his position (AFGE Local 1812 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. THAI OFFICIALS DENY VOICE OF AMERICA STATION US SECRET TERROR JAIL | see THAILAND

** U S A. JERSEY SCHOOLS, SHULS ON ALERT
Robert Wiener, Special to the Jewish Times, OCTOBER 23, 2005
http://www.jewishtimes.com/News/5131.stm

The Anti-Defamation League urged Jewish institutions in New Jersey to ramp up security measures after a racist web site discussed using yeshivas as bomb targets.

The threats appeared on a web site run by Hal Turner, a North Bergen man who until last year broadcast a white supremacist radio program on shortwave radio and the Internet. When Turner recently suggested that readers of his web siteís chat room begin ``drawing up lists of Jewish Yeshivas here in the United States,`` it led to a discussion in which contributors named specific schools and neighborhoods and urged killing yeshiva students.

``With winter weather comes winter coats,`` wrote someone called ``A-Bomb.`` ``With winter coats comes concealed weapons. With concealed weapons comes dead yeshiva students.``

The New Jersey region of the ADL, whose national office monitors hate groups, notified the New Jersey Office of Counterterrorism, the FBI, and local police departments as well as synagogues, schools, and Jewish community relations committees, said Etzion Neuer, ADLís

regional director in New Jersey.

``It is unclear whether or not the threat is constitutionally protected free speech,`` said Neuer, ``but we just err on the side of caution.``

Although an ADL report said Turner has a record of ``explicitly encouraging extreme violence against Jews, other minorities, and government officials,`` Neuer acknowledged that ``Turner himself does not have any history of violence.`` Nevertheless, Neuer said, his ``concern is less with Turner than with the lone wolf phenomenon.``

``We only have to go back to the incident in the Los Angeles JCC several years ago,`` said Neuer, referring to the August 1999 attack on the North Valley Jewish Community Center in the Los Angeles suburb of Granada Hills.

Buford Furrow, a member of the racist Aryan Nation, was given a life sentence for killing a postal worker and wounding five people in the shooting spree.

``For most people the watchword here is vigilance,`` Neuer said, ``and not just around the High Holy Days. This really goes to the message that we try to encourage in Jewish communal institutions and all institutions, for that matter: that people have to be careful and if you see something, to say something. It means having a security plan in place.``

Neuer said the yeshivas in LakewoodÇ ``the heavily Orthodox town in southern New Jersey specifically mentioned in one of the chat room postsÇ`` and other parts of the state ``are covering their bases. They took the threat seriously, and they are working very closely with law enforcement for the safety and security of their constituents.``

Neuer said the ADL is sensitive to laws protecting free speech but that it ``cannot ignore expressions of hate that cross the line until they become real security concerns. We acknowledge the right of someone as despicable as Turner and his ilk to say what they want to about anybody. But we would insist on that same right to call that filth what it is.``

Contributors to the chat room referred specifically to the ``numerous shules`` in the heavily Orthodox community of Lakewood, and to Hillel Yeshiva High School in Monmouth County.

Stanley Stone, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, said, ``No threats to institutions in Central Jersey have come to us through official channels. But this time of

year we do as we always do by sending out security reminders to the local synagogues and Jewish agencies. I think in this day and age, every threat has to be dealt with by being prepared. You canít prevent something from happening, but we always remind everyone to keep their guard up.``

Attempts to contact Turner by telephone and to visit his North Bergen apartment were unsuccessful. This story reprinted courtesy of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (via Fred Waterer, Programming Matters, Nov ODXA Listening In via DXLD)

** U S A. WWCR spur 4485 at 0332 on 5 November. Best USB. // 3215 with Alex Jones. Good signal. Very readable. I think I logged this earlier this year but I can't find the log. There is also another program underneath but that wasn't readable (Good listening/Liz Cameron, MI, Nov 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As usual I get out the calculator and try to figure out how such a spur could arise. Also checking the schedules, Alex Jones is supposed to be on 5765, not 3215. Other frequencies in use at 0300 are 5935, 5070, 1300. I can`t get any mix of those to land on 4485. However, if it were on 4465, that would be 5765 minus 1300. Any chance of that? (Glenn, ibid.)

** U S A. WWRB frequency shift? WWRB is on 11915 here at 1800 Sunday, November 6, instead of published 11920. I normally wouldn't have noticed but "The Full Gospel Hour" that's on now is screaming forth far 'n brimstone with a very nice signal here in Maryland. Lw (Larry Will, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: URBONO is no more

Glenn, I've been monitoring WWL, New Orleans, at least a few minutes, nearly daily, for the past several weeks. Friday evening, Nov. 4, they announced Clear Channel was breaking away from the continuous simulcasts and Entercom would be on their own as of today, Sat. Nov. 5. As of early this morning, their liners reflect that. They say they're on Entercom sister stations 1350 AM and 105.3 FM.

I'm not certain how long they'll continue with the current format, but you may be aware they've been carrying football games of LSU and the Saints. In the evenings I've heard them replay interviews featuring various officials. The nature of call topics has changed and seems to deal more with sports and restaurants. There's still some interesting information available, if one is willing to wait for it.

Last night and this morning I've heard primarily boring, generic PSAs in place of ads. Perhaps they're taking breaks to maintain a certain

broadcast clock. It makes me wonder how much advertising previously heard in recent weeks was generated revenue for Clear Channel, who might have been pulling Entercom along in this project. 73, (John Wesley Smith, KC0HSB, Hallsville, MO, Nov 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A . WRMI Update - 3:00 pm ET Sunday, To all interested parties:

We had hoped to get WRMI back on the air last night, but the antenna repairs have taken more time than expected. As I write this, workers are making repairs on both antennas. The status is this: There is very little damage to our corner reflector antenna beamed south, but the large security fence around it was knocked down, and a crew is repairing it. We cannot legally begin broadcasting on that antenna until the fence is repaired, as we have to ensure that no one (including stray cows, which share the land with us) could come into contact with the antenna and harm themselves while it is on the air. We expect this work to be finished tomorrow (Monday), so perhaps we can go on the air to the Caribbean and Latin America on Tuesday morning if all goes well.

On the log periodic antenna beamed to North America, the damage is more severe. We lost several elements. The manufacturer is at the site right now, but they say they cannot repair it on site with available materials. They need to return to their factory in central Florida, make some parts and bring them back down to us. This is likely to take a few weeks. However, they are helping us arrange some sort of temporary antenna so that we can perhaps go back on the air to North America on Tuesday. We will keep you updated (Jeff White, WRMI, Nov 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1620 FLORIDA (PIRATE) "KQV", Parkland, Broward County; 0055-0208 Nov. 6. Occasionally and very briefly bubbling up over WNRP-Gulf Breeze, Florida and WDHP-Frederiksted, US Virgin Islands, with oldies such as "(It's All) In the Game" and "To Sir With Love"; male canned "1620 A-M KQV" at 0159.

96.3 MHz, FLORIDA (PIRATE) [no slogan], St. Petersburg, Pinellas County; 1600+ Nov. 5. This seems to be the only regularly-active (weekends only) pirate remaining in Pinellas County. Playing the usual nonstop reggae and Caribe dub vocals, no voice breaks. Strong throughout St. Petersburg while driving in the area, and stereo. Fragments audible back at the home driveway. No trace of the 96.7 MHz [no slogan] St. Petersburg soul/rap station; inactive, broken or raided?

Visit my "Florida Low Power Radio Stations" at:
http://home.earthlink.net/~tocobagadx/flortis.html
(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W Nov

6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. So Cal X-band news --- I have finally ID'd the classic country/western station I logged on 1610 kHz near the intersection of I-405, I-5, and CA-118 last year. It's a part 15 station located in Granada Hills, CA which relays an Internet radio station called "Classic Heartland." See http://www.classicheartland.com or http://www.part15.us/modules.php?name=Web_Links&l_op=search&query= and search for "Classic Heartland"

One mystery solved, another one begins. I stumbled onto the above info while searching for a new station I heard today in the El CajÛn / Lakeside / Santee / La Mesa area of San Diego, while returning home from the ICR "Thousands Not Billions" scientific conference http://www.icr.org --- This station was also on 1610 kHz, relaying Classic Heartland and easily audible along I-8 and CA-125. I can't find a match for this one on the Internet. I heard mostly classic (Hank Williams era) C&W but they also play bluegrass and other Americana. WNSB415-1620 (ex-1610,530,1700) is getting out well with XEUT-1630 off. 73, (Tim Hall, Chula Vista, CA, Nov 5, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 1700 MW, KVNS Brownsville, Texas. On Oct 31, I received a nice full data QSL letter in 17 days, v/s IT Manager John MuÒoz http://www.johnmunoz.net Engineering Assistant, DX @ KVNS.net KBFM-FM, KTEX-TM, KVNS-FM, KHKZ-FM, KVNS-AM, KQXX-AM. Address: 901E Pike Blvd., Weslaco, TX 78596, USA. http://www.newstalk1700.com John wrote: "If you are a member of any DX organizations, please post our updated contact information including the new postal and email address." (Max Van Arnhem, Netherlands, DSWCI DX Window Nov 2 via DXLD)

** U S A. LOCAL RADIO NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH RADIO.COM
Los ¡lamos [NM] Internet Radio Friday, November 4, 2005
CAROL A. CLARK, Monitor Staff Writer
http://www.lamonitor.com/articles/2005/11/03/headline_news/news04.txt

Lynn Ballew of Los Alamos Sound has launched a local radio station that airs over the Internet.

"Los Alamos needs a community radio station so I decided to pick up where KRSN left off and a month ago went live with Los Alamos Radio.com," Ballew said. "I'm trying to get people to realize that we live in a computerized world and it's just as easy to have a radio stream coming out of your computer speakers as it is coming from a boom box in the corner of your room."

Los Alamos Radio.com provides local news, talk radio, community events, sports and a diverse mix of music, he said, adding he has

lined up several DJ's, including local musician Adam Houlton.

Ballew came to Los Alamos in January 2004, followed shortly by his wife of 31 years, Rose. Ballew opened the music and sign store "LA Signs and Sounds," which along with the radio station is located at 146 Central Park Square.

He is looking for sponsors and advertisers to move the station forward and to expand the services it can provide to the community.

Kevin Holsapple, executive director of the Los Alamos Commerce and Development Center and the Chamber of Commerce, said they are looking at some regular content ideas with Los Alamos Radio.Com.

"One of the first things Lynn did when he came to town is to join the chamber," Holsapple said. "I think his Internet radio station is a good thing and it'll allow people advertising on his programs to actually know how many people are listening."

Unlike traditional radio stations, Ballew explained that he has the ability to tell advertisers how many people their ads are actually reaching. "Internet stations, unlike AM or FM stations, can maintain an accurate and up to the minute count of listeners and where they are from because of the royalties we pay out," he said.

Ballew's most recent printout shows he has listeners accessing his station from Italy, Sweden, Singapore, Japan, Germany, Bulgaria, Canada and other countries.

Los Alamos has been without a local radio station since KRSN-AM 1490 closed its doors on July 5. The history of KRSN goes back to the 1940s. KRSN began in the mid-1940s as part of the Manhattan Project. Bob Porton and Bill Spack purchased it in the early 1950s.

Darrel Burns later purchased it. He died in the early 1990s. The station went off the air in January 1997. Bentley purchased the station and put it back on the air from July 4, 1997-July 5, 2005.

KRSN Managing Member/General Manager Mark Bentley cited financial problems and an expensive lawsuit as the reason he had to shut KRSN down, during an interview on the morning of his final broadcast.

Holsapple said the chamber is looking at tying in to the station with their online visitors' guide and activities calendar and even doing a Monday on-air show that would feature the week's activities into the weekend and also to promote larger events.

"My experience with Lynn has been very good," Holsapple said. "I'm hoping people will listen to the station and that Lynn will be able to grow it."

People can e-mail their news and community events announcements to requests @ losalamosradio.com or drop them off at 146 Central Park Square or call 662-6874. The station's website is http://www.losalamosradio.com (via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

No program schedule on website, and no sign of any local talk shows (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. AT LONG LAST, GETTING TO TALK THE TALK HIS WAY
By Lynn Smith, Times Staff Writer

Saying he was micromanaged at NPR's "Morning Edition," Bob Edwards says he is enjoying the freedom he has on satellite radio.

In his old job, management told him what to do and then demoted him after 30 years of service. But he did have 13 million loyal listeners and a pension plan.

In his new job, he is with a station that has maybe 5 million listeners and he has no pension. But he has his own show, with his name on it, and management treats him like a star.

It's been one year since Bob Edwards was abruptly shelved at National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" and subsequently decided to leave public radio, moving to XM Satellite Radio to host "The Bob Edwards Show." All things considered, he likes where he landed. "These are people who get me," he said. "And I appreciate that." . . . http://www.calendarlive.com/tv/cl-et-edwards12_oct12,0,4319359.story (LA Times via Current via DXLD)

** U S A. CNN`s NewsNight had been going downhill for the past few months ever since they quit letting Aaron Brown do his thing with relatively in-depth coverage of several stories. Had to stop at :15 and :45 for ``news headlines`` from the latest blonde bimbo on CNN HN. Then the Lou Dobbs repeat an hour later (which was much more convenient for us, away from the Eveningly News clashes), gets canned for a second hour of NN. Then AB gets shunted aside and has to share anchoring duties with Anderson Vanderbilt Cooper, who can`t even speak clearly and thoughtfully. Then Aaron Brown is gone, and there are new anchors/combinations every night, but Cooper is supposed to inherit the mantle when the dust clears. Well, I am glad that 0300 UT is no longer worth watching since one hour a night, let alone two was a bigger time commitment than I should be making to one program. Here is a forum with a lot of discussion about this, and I will just pick one

which reflects my feelings too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In CNN's race to the bottom they threw overboard one of the best reporters on the tube. Mr. Brown's calm demeanor was just what I needed at the end of day. He wasn't just reading from a prompter, I knew the words were his, he wrote most of the script. I can only hope ABC or CBS picks him up to fill one of their vacancy's for the nightly news. I don't need more of Cooper's fast talking, air sucking newscast. To handle world news we need a more experienced reporter than Cooper, who was a game show host. CNN is becoming the joke of 24/7 news channels. Posted by: sassy on November 05, 2005 at 07:19am
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/harry-shearer/the-most-trusted-name-in-_b_10131.html
(via DXLD)

** U S A. STRONGER SIGNAL TO EXPAND REACH OF TELEMUNDO [KDRX Channel 48 Phoenix] Yvonne Wingett, The Arizona Republic, Oct. 29, 2005 12:00 AM

Nail-biting Mexican soccer games on clear TV. News about Mexico every night and more steamy telenovelas during the day.

Phoenix's Spanish-language media market is hot and it just got hotter with a Federal Communications Commission decision that broadens Telemundo's reach into the living rooms of Latinos across the region, bringing more soccer games, news and soap operas to viewers who want them.

The move also puts the nation's second-largest Spanish-language network on a level playing field with powerhouse Univision and ramps up PhoÈnix's reputation as one of the country's most-desirable media and advertising markets.

Tremendous growth of the Latino population and its $15 billion annual spending power in the Valley is driving the rise of Spanish media in Phoenix, the ninth-largest Hispanic market in the country. That means the Valley, which has not been not been saturated with Spanish media, unlike Los ¡ngeles or Miami, is maturing into a mecca for media companies, advertisers and marketers who want to reach this lucrative segment of the Hispanic
market.

"This is a big consumer market with lots of money to spend and advertisers are catching on," said Earl de Berge, director of the Behavior Research Center, a local market research and polling firm that studies the Latino market. "Telemundo has had a tremendous handicap in the marketplace. This gives advertisers more choice and it gives viewers more choice."

Just over 500,000 Hispanics lived in Maricopa County a decade ago compared to today's 1 million, more than the counties for San Diego or San Antonio, longtime leaders of the Hispanic market. In the last 10 years Spanish-language media has followed population growth with a proliferation of new radio stations, newspapers and TV channels, culminating with Telemundo's new market reach with more outlets on the way.

Full-power ahead

Telemundo, KDRX Channel 48, will have access to 100 percent of the market compared to today's estimated 65 percent, executives said, and its new power will clear snowy TV sets in outlying rural communities north to Morristown, south to Casa Grande. Telemundo will also move to basic cable from the second-tier cable, which costs more. Today, Telemundo comes in clear on Cox cable, but it's difficult for many households to pick up with only a signal and antenna.

The anticipated April 2006 switch to a full-power signal gives Telemundo the chance to reach 317,000 Hispanic households, or at least 1 million Hispanics in the market, they said.

That's good news for viewers like Joana Castillo, whose set is fuzzy when she flips it to Telemundo.

The housewife has to "mess with my antennas so I can get a clearer reception" to watch her favorite talk show, Laura, and afternoons and evenings of telenovelas and movies.

"I watch it all the time," the 33-year-old Puerto Rican said. "But there's always a couple of bubbles here and there."

Telemundo is happy to give up those bubbles. The local affiliate, along with at least 30 Hispanic community leaders and marketing firms since 2003, lobbied the FCC to allow the station to go full power. They argued it would give viewers an alternative to dominant market leader UnivisiÛn and advertisers more avenues to sell products. The FCC on Oct. 13 said it would allow Telemundo's full-power KPHZ Holbrook station (Channel 11) and its low-power KDRX Phoenix station (Channel 56) to swap with full-power KDTP Phoenix (Channel 39). FCC Commissioner Michael Copps said in a statement that the decision "should promote at least somewhat greater diversity and competition" in a top Hispanic market.

The move comes as two other Spanish-language TV stations announce plans to launch in PhoÈnix in early 2006, one with family-oriented programming, the other with sports, entertainment and news focused on northern Mexico.

Focus on Mexican culture

Today, at least seven Spanish-language TV stations are on broadcast or cable. At least 10 radio stations are available, including m˙sica rom·ntica, Spanglish hip-hop and a public affairs station. With close to a million Latinos living in the Valley, more media outlets are expected to emerge over the next few years. Programming eventually will become as niched as English-language stations, they said, with 24-hour music, sports, movies, news and novelas.

Thousands of Spanish-speakers, popular soap operas and scarce competition has helped UnivisiÛn's KTVW (Channel 33) dominate PhoÈnix's market. About 89 percent of Spanish-language TV viewers ages 18 to 49 tuned into the affiliate during prime time, according to the latest Nielsen sweeps numbers.

Telemundo executives believe they can cut into UnivisiÛn's hold on the market by emphasizing Mexican culture in contrast to UnivisiÛn's emphasis on Latin American culture, local programming and community-sponsored events.

"PhoÈnix was the last market in which (UnivisiÛn) had exclusive viewership," said Ibra Morales, president of Telemundo. "Now they're going to have to share them with us."

Telemundo is headquartered in Miami and owned by NBC Universal. The network owns and operates 16 stations in major U.S. cities, has 36 broadcast affiliates and nearly 684 cable affiliates. News editors and engineers control Telemundo's local programming from its south PhoÈnix studios and news and sports anchors like Mariela GÛmez de Ell and sports anchor Francisco Romero deliver nightly newscasts.

Advertisers, viewers win

Advertisers and network executives said the ruling is a major triumph for Telemundo viewers like Castillo, and for them. Home builders, auto dealers, and toothpaste, cereal and soda companies are among those companies that shelled out more than $3 billion last year on Hispanic advertising.

An additional full-power Spanish station likely gives them more leverage in negotiating commercial spot time, advertisers and media economics experts said, and drives down their commercial rates.

"It's a big coup for them," said Ray Arvizu of the largest of the Valley's Hispanic marketing firm, Arvizu Advertising & Promotions. "This will give them an opportunity to compete. They promise that they

will deliver the Hispanic market. And people want to get on board."
(via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN [and non]. UZBEKS BANISH BBC AFTER MASSACRE REPORTS
By Monica Whitlock BBC News, London

BBC accounts of an uprising in the Uzbek town of Andijan earlier this year - when government troops opened fire on protesters - have resulted in the closure of the BBC bureau in the capital, Tashkent. There is a recording we made from Andijan so chilling that people cannot speak while it is playing. . .
ohttp://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/4407086.stm#startcontent
(via Dan Say, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. Estoy escuchando a un discurso (øen vivo?) de Hugo Ch·vez en Mar del Plata, antes y despuÈs de las 22 TU del 5 de noviembre en 11875, sin duda vÌa Cuba. Antes de las 2155 hubo concierto anti-imperialista en el aire libre, con lluvias. Un poco de inteferencia de alguna emisora en inglÈs. Dijo que se transmite por TeleSur, pero esta frecuencia se utilizaba antes para Radio Nacional de Venezuela vÌa Cuba a las 21 hasta 22, aunque inactiva desde hace mucho tiempo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am hearing a (live?) speech by Hugo Ch·vez in Mar del Plata, before and after 22 UT Nov 5 on 11875, no doubt via Cuba. Before 2155 there was an anti-imperialist open-air concert, in the rain. A bit of interference from some station in English. He said this was being broadcast via TeleSur, but this frequency was used before by R. Nacional de Venezuela via Cuba, at 21-22, altho that had been inactive for quite a while (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] The co-channel, not much of a problem, was apparently Family Radio, per ID at 2259, but not on WYFR schedule, so a relay somewhere? Meanwhile, Hugo kept going on 11875 and by 2300 was also on 11760. Kept going another hour. Did not hear a formal closing before 2400 so unsure if this was RNV or RHC, if there is any difference. 0000 both went into RHC Revista de la Noche. Once RHC was programming 11875, it became heavily distorted, unlike 11760. He`s a real rabble-rouser, invoking the US bogeyman Bush to promote socialism, forever. Do away with capitalism. Sounds just like a younger Castro. And the cheering crowd seems to be buying it. Can you imagine Bush giving a rabble-rousing speech of any kind for a sesquihour or more? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Estimado Glenn: El discurso de Ch·vez en Mar del Plata fue pronunciado el 4 de noviembre y durÛ m·s de 3 horas; seguramente lo que escuchaste fue una ediciÛn editada. 73s (Nicol·s Eramo, Argentina, dxldyg via DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

Estimado Glenn: El discurso de Ch·vez ocurriÛ el viernes 04, a las 1800 UT aproximadamente, en el estadio mundialista de Mar del Plata, en lo que se denominÛ "la Contra Cumbre" en rachazo al alca y a la presencia de Bush en Argentina --- es cierto que Ch·vez mencionÛ acerca de la transmisiÛn a todo el mundo por TeleSur, y tambiÈn es cierto que hubo participaciÛn artÌstica: entre otros, Silvio RodrÌguez, Daniel Viglietti, y la presencia del ex-futbolista Diego Maradona, las Madres de Plaza de Mayo, etc. Un abrazo desde Buenos Aires (Alberto Anibal Irigoy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

La hora del discurso fue a las 1400 UT (NÈstor R[ubio?], Nov 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. 6612, ZBC, Radio Zimbabwe (2nd harmonic), Gweru, 0010 - 0033, Nov 04, Vernacular, musical program "African pop music", comments by man announcer, 24322 (Nicol·s Eramo, Lat: 34∫34'49S, Long: 58∫32'26W, Villa Lynch, Prov. Buenos Aires, Argentina, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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LANGUAGE LESSONS
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LANGUAGE LESSON FOR DXERS

"I`ve Got Rhythm" --- W in Puertorican Call Letters

The letter W is extraneous to Spanish. European Spanish has "uve doble". In Latin America it is "u doble" or "be /ve/ doble" or, the other way round, "doble u" and "doble be /ve/".

I have been wondering why there is no uniform rendering of the letter W in Puertorican call signs. Sometimes you will hear "doble u", sometimes "doble be" (or tantamount "doble ve").

I now believe that it seems to depend on rhyme and rhythm. Arguably, a call sign is easier to remember if there is music to it, that is if the initial part of the call sign (starting with "W") forms a rhythmic counterpoise with the remainder.

When spelling out a letters such as W in two words foreign speakers may not comprehend that they actually form a compound. Which means that certain four-letter call signs may be rendered in just two bursts of sounds.
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This apparently happens in the case of WKAQ-580 which, in a rough phonetic rendering, becomes "doble˙ kahak˙", and also in WIAC-740 which is heard as "doblevÈ ihasÈ". (I am arbitrarily introducing the letter "h", muted in Spanish, to indicate a marginal lengthening of the previous vowel).

In special cases, a four-letter call sign may be rendered as one single word, "guapa radio" for WAPA-680 and "gualo" for WALO-1240. But that is a different story (Henrik Klemetz, Nov 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Altho I don`t listen much to hams, much less to American hams speaking Spanish, it seems to me that W- callsigns are more euphoniously pronounced `dÛbleve` when followed immediately by a number; I can`t say why (Glenn Hauser, Oclajoma, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING
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LEONARD KAHN TAKES ON "RADIO WORLD" MAGAZINE

Leonard Kahn doesn't mince words in his most recent "Wrath of Kahn" column. It's the October 26 edition, and since kahn doesn't use permalinks on his site you might have to scroll through his archives to find it if you're not reading this within a few days of the posting date. Since I wasn't in New York for this session, I have no clue whether Kahn's account is accurate. But I did get a good laugh out of it when I read it. Posted on November 04, 2005
http://www.wrathofkahn.org/default.php
(Harry Helms, Future of Radio blog via DXLD)

If an issue later than 21 is now at the above page, find 21 at the bottom of this page: http://www.wrathofkahn.org/wst_page5.html
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INTRUDER WATCH
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"TOP BAND DRAGON'S FIRE" SIGNAL BLANKETING 160 METERS IN ASIA

The IARU Monitoring System (IARUMS) says radio amateurs in Japan and elsewhere in Asia and Oceania are reporting an unidentified intruder signal on 160 meters. In Japan, the wideband signal, which IARU Region 2 Monitoring System Coordinator Bill Zellers, WA4FKI, has dubbed "Top Band Dragon's Fire," reportedly began transmitting continuously about October 1, blanketing 160 meters and rendering it useless for Amateur Radio work in some places.

"The intruder is detectable from approximately 1700 kHz up to about 1930 kHz," said one report, likening the sound to "a diesel motor with a ticking sound at a constant rate which is evenly spread across the band." The signal has been heard in the US Northwest at about 1830 kHz on a north-pointing Beverage. Reports also have arrived from New England.

First heard as long ago as December 2004, the signal turns up at different times at different locations, reports indicate. In some cases, it's only during so-called "gray line" propagation, while others hear the signal 24/7.

Near Perth, Australia, the intruder was heard slowly rising out the noise floor about a half-hour after sunset, increasing to around S7 and remaining long into the night. Amateurs in Singapore report that the signal recently shifted from wideband noise to a pulsed signal.

Veteran Top Band DXer Tom Rauch, W8JI, in Georgia says he can "just detect a noise floor increase some mornings," but was unable to identify an actual signal.

Forward reports, accompanied by sound recordings if available, to Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG cskolaut @ arrl.org at ARRL Headquarters.

73, (via John Wesley Smith, KC0HSB, Hallsville, MO, Nov 5, DXLD)

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K÷NIGS WUSTERHAUSEN, GERMANY

A solution to keep the radio museum and other relics of the past at Kˆnigs Wusterhausen site appears to be possible now: The municipality of Kˆnigs Wusterhausen will purchase the whole station with the exception of four facilities still in use by Deutsche Telekom for the symbolic price of 1 Euro. Earlier Deutsche Telekom applied for 1.5 millions Euros of subsidies from the European Union to keep the site, giving an impression how expensive the maintenance is. Amongst the mentioned facilities still in use by Deutsche Telekom is a cellphone tower where also TSI (T-Systems International, the transmitter operator) runs an FM transmitter on 105.1, after years of silence now again active with locally produced Sender KW programming, cf. http://www.sender-kw.de
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###